



# Boasting in the Lord our God

17&18 Jan 2026, all services

# Our text in a nutshell...

- Paul wants to tell the Corinthian church that reliance on human wisdom alone is insufficient and incapable of bringing about salvation.
- He wants to move them to rely instead on God



**That's  
Crazy!**

**Praise  
God!!**

FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS FOLLY TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING,  
BUT TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD



## 1 Cor 1:19-21

“<sup>19</sup> I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart. <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”



**“<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles...”**

**- 1 Cor 1:22-23**



**“<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles...”**

**- 1 Cor 1:22-23**



“<sup>24</sup> but **to those who are called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God... <sup>27</sup> **God chose** what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; **God chose** what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> **God chose** what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are... <sup>30</sup> **And because of him** you are in Christ Jesus...”

- 1 Cor 1:24, 27-30

# How should we respond to God's amazing grace?

*“Let the one who boasts,  
boast in the Lord.”*

- 1 Cor 1:31





# Jeremiah 9:23-24 & 1 Cor 1:26,31

<sup>23</sup> Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, <sup>24</sup> but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me...

- Jer 9:23-24

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth... <sup>31</sup> Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

- 1 Cor 1:26, 31

# Boasting in the Lord?

“This word (translated ‘boast’) presents considerable difficulty for translation. It can mean “to take pride in” or “to glory in,” hence “boast.” But at times, especially here, it comes very close to the concept of “trust,” that is, “to put one’s full confidence in.”

- Gordon Fee, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians)

# 1 Cor 1:30-31

“<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> **so that**, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”



# Two Reasons for our confidence in God

## 1. Because God chose us

“<sup>30</sup> And **because of him you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (1 Cor 1:30-31)

# Two Reasons for our confidence in God

1. Because God chose us
2. Because of what Jesus has done for us

“<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, **who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,** <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (1 Cor 1:30-31)

“God, help me to know you... Work in my life, to change my heart and my mind, so that I can put my trust and confidence in you. Amen.”







“God, here’s my heart... change my heart and help me to love you more. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”